

Pigs : Grading.

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A curer may furnish weights instead of numbers of bales, sides or hams where it is impracticable to give such numbers.

I/We hereby declare that this return is completed correctly and attach particulars of all purchases of bacon and hams and of all sales of bacon and hams to curers in Northern Ireland during the period.

Dated this                      day of                      193

Signed.....

Address.....

To

The Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture (Northern Ireland),  
Stormont,  
Belfast.

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THE PIGS MARKETING (GRADING) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1935, DATED 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1935, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 7 (1) OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING (PIG INDUSTRY) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1934 (25 GEO. 5, CH. 3.)

1935. No. 153.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 7 (1) of the Agricultural Marketing (Pig Industry) Act (Northern Ireland), 1934, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, orders and it is hereby ordered as follows :—

*Pigs for Curing to be Graded.*

1.—(a) Dead pigs for curing into bacon and hams in Northern Ireland shall be graded as specified in the First Schedule to this Order by Veterinary Inspectors of the Ministry authorised in that behalf by the Ministry.

(b) Dead pigs for curing into bacon of the Wiltshire type of cure shall be graded as specified in the Second Schedule to this Order by Veterinary Inspectors of the Ministry duly authorised in that behalf by the Ministry.

PART I.

2. For the purposes of Article 1 (a) of this Order, dead pigs for curing into bacon and hams shall be marked and graded in accordance with the following procedure :—

A. *Marking on the Farm of Origin.*

The producer shall :

- (i) attach in such manner as may be directed a carcass card previously supplied to him by the curer to every pig carcass leaving the producer's premises consigned to a curer's establishment or to be delivered to a curer at a market or elsewhere ;

(ii) ensure that each such carcase card contains the following information :—

- (a) the name and address of the curer to whom the carcase is consigned or delivered as aforesaid ;
- (b) the serial number of the carcase card ;
- (c) the name and address of the producer ;
- (d) the date and place of delivery, together with any instructions as to route ;
- (e) the number of carcasses in the consignment ;
- (f) whether payment is desired by cash or by cheque.

**B. *Marking at a Market.***

The authorised weighmaster, where a carcase is delivered to a curer at a market, having weighed the carcase shall mark the dead weight of the carcase on the carcase card and make out in triplicate a numbered weigh ticket signed and dated by himself and containing the following particulars :—

- (i) the name of the market ;
- (ii) the name of the curer ;
- (iii) the name and address of the producer ;
- (iv) the serial number of the carcase card ;
- (v) the dead weight of the carcase.

The weighmaster shall dispose of the three copies of the weigh ticket as follows :—

- (1) Copy to be handed to the producer ;
- (2) Copy to be handed to the curer ;
- (3) Copy to be retained by the weighmaster.

The curer is to see that the curer's copy of the weigh ticket either accompanies the carcase to the curer's premises or is delivered to those premises without avoidable delay.

In the case of pigs delivered or consigned direct to the curer's establishment, the curer shall deliver to the producer a receipt showing the serial number of each carcase card and the dead weight of the carcase.

Where payment is made otherwise than by post the producer shall hand the weigh ticket or the curer's delivery receipt to the curer at the time of payment.

**C. *At the Curer's Premises.***

The authorised Veterinary Inspector of the Ministry shall :—

- (i) grade the carcase at the premises of the curer in accordance with the weight classes and grades set out in the First Schedule to this Order ;
- (ii) remove the carcase card immediately the carcase has been split and the back fat measured ;

- (iii) enter the weight class and quality grade on the carcase card, initial it and then pass the card on to the curer.

If the carcase is found by the Veterinary Inspector to be outside the weight classes or the quality grades as set out in the First Schedule hereto, the Veterinary Inspector shall note the fact on the carcase card.

Each carcase card shall be retained by the curer for one month after the grading of the carcase.

#### PART II.

3. For the purposes of Article 1 (b) of this Order dead pigs for curing into bacon of the Wiltshire type of cure shall be marked and graded in accordance with the following procedure :—

##### A. *Marking on farm of Origin.*

The producer shall attach with due care in such manner as may be directed an ear tag (bearing a serial number) previously supplied to him by the curer to every live pig leaving the producer's premises.

##### B. *Grading.*

The authorised Veterinary Inspector of the Ministry shall :—

- (i) grade the carcase in accordance with the weight classes and quality grades set out in the Second Schedule to this Order.
- (ii) ensure that a purchase and grading statement as referred to in Article 4 of this Order is made out under his supervision by the curer, and that the correct weight class and quality grade is entered thereon. This statement shall be initialled by the Veterinary Inspector.

#### PART III. GENERAL.

4. The curer shall make out a purchase and grading statement showing :—

- (a) the name and address of the curer ;
- (b) the name and address of the producer ;
- (c) date of delivery ;
- (d) the serial number of the carcase card, or ear tag number ;
- (e) the dead weight ;
- (f) weight class and quality grade ;
- (g) price per dead cwt. and value of each pig ;
- (h) total value of the consignment ;
- (i) authorised deductions ;
- (j) nett payment.

In the case of statements furnished in respect of pigs delivered by producers under direct contract the contract number should be inserted by the curer on the purchase and grading statement. The statement should also indicate any carcasses which should have been delivered in the previous month and which under terms of contract are regarded as deliveries in respect of that month.

In the event of a deduction being made in respect of a damaged carcase the nature of the damage should be indicated on the purchase and grading statement. One copy of this statement shall be delivered to the producer at the time payment is made, one copy shall at the end of the week be sent to the Ministry or such other person as the Ministry may direct and one copy shall be retained by the curer.

*Interpretation.*

5. "Curer" includes "Curer's Agent."

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

"Veterinary Inspector" means a Veterinary Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

*Revocation of Order.*

6. The Order described in the Third Schedule to this Order is hereby revoked as from the date of the commencement of this Order.

*Short Title.*

7. This Order may be cited as the Pigs Marketing (Grading) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1935.

*Commencement.*

8. This Order shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1936.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Ireland, is hereunto affixed this twenty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-five.

(L.S.)

(Signed),

G. S. Robertson,

Secretary.

## FIRST SCHEDULE.

*Weight Classes and Quality Grades of Roll and Ham Pig Carcases.*

Dead Weight Classes.	Grades. (Maximum thickness of back fat at the shoulder.)		
	A.	B.	C.
I. Dead carcase weight not less than 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. and not more than 1 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. . . . .	From 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " to 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	From 2" to 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	From 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
II. Dead Carcase weight not less than 1 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. and not more than 1 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. . . . .	From 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ " to 2"	From 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ " to 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	From 2 $\frac{3}{8}$ " to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
III. Dead carcase weight not less than 1 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. and not more than 2 cwt. . . . .	From 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	From 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	From 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ " to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
IV. Dead carcase weight not less than 2 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb. and not more than 2 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lb. . . . .	From 1 $\frac{5}{8}$ " to 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	From 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 2 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	From 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

*Ungraded Pigs.*

- (a) All dead pigs sold and delivered as dead pig carcases which weigh less than 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. or more than 2 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lb. ; or,  
 (b) Pigs within these weights, but of which the shoulder fat measurements are less than or more than the Grade A, B, or C measurements of the weight class into which they fall.  
 (c) Wholly or mainly black pigs, boars, rigs or stags and suckled sows.

*Grade Measurements.*

All measurements shall be taken to the nearest  $\frac{1}{16}$  of an inch by means of an instrument approved by the Ministry. The range of shoulder fat measurements shall be inclusive in all cases.

*Weights for Grading.*

For grading purposes, the dead weight of the pig shall be deemed to be the dead weight marked on the carcase card attached to the carcase by any authorised weighmaster of a Market Authority. In the case of pigs going direct to a curer's store, or insufficiently marked, the curer shall be responsible for marking the dead weight and weight class on the carcase card.

If the authorised Veterinary Inspector is in any doubt about the correctness of the dead weight or weight class marked on the carcase or the carcase card, he shall check the dead weight of the carcase.

## SECOND SCHEDULE.

*Weight Classes and Quality Grades of Wiltshire Carcases.*

Weight Class.	Quality Grades.		
	1.	2.	3.
a. Under 1 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lb. . . . .	Maximum back fat	Maximum back fat	
b. 1 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lb. to 1 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.	1 $\frac{3}{16}$ ins.	1 $\frac{7}{16}$ ins.	All other pigs suitable for Wiltshire Bacon.
c. 1 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. to 1 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.	Maximum shoulder fat 2 ins.	Maximum shoulder fat 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	
d. 1 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. to 1 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.	Maximum loin fat	Maximum loin fat	
e. Over 1 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. . . . .	1 $\frac{3}{16}$ ins.	1 $\frac{7}{16}$ ins.	

*Quality Grades.*

(a) If the measurement at the centre of the back qualifies for a particular grade and one of the other measurements also qualifies for that grade, the pig shall be accepted for the grade for which the back fat measurement qualifies.

(b) Every pig shall be graded and every pig when graded shall be deemed to be within the highest grade applicable to its measurements. No pig whose back fat is less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch shall be eligible for grade 1 or 2.

(c) No pig which after slaughter is certified by the authorised Veterinary Inspector as unsuitable for the manufacture of Wiltshire bacon for one or more of the following reasons:—

- (i) has not firm white fat, or
- (ii) shows fishy flavour or seedy cut, or
- (iii) was not castrated within 12 weeks after birth, or
- (iv) is a rig pig, sow or pregnant pig, or
- (v) is a female pig that is not a maiden gilt, or
- (vi) is an emaciated or "screw" pig,

shall be eligible for grades 1, 2 or 3.

Provided that, if the authorised Veterinary Inspector has any doubt whether any pig should be certified as ineligible for Grade 1, 2 or 3 by reason of any of the above defects, he may delay his decision for fourteen days and require the curer to identify and put into cure the carcase of such pig or any part thereof and the curer shall upon demand exhibit any bacon produced from such pig for inspection and final decision by any authorised Veterinary Inspector or other authorised officer of the Ministry at any reasonable time within fourteen days of slaughter.

The curer shall further permit any authorised Veterinary Inspector or other authorised officer of the Ministry to take samples from such carcase or any part thereof or any bacon produced therefrom for chemical or other analysis.

*Grade Measurements.*

(a) All measurements shall be taken with the standard pattern gauges authorised by the Ministry. All measurements shall be taken on the dressed carcase of the pig after splitting.

(b) If any doubt or dispute shall arise as regards any measurement taken before the animal heat has departed, it shall be re-taken not less than one hour and not later than noon on the day following slaughter.

(c) The shoulder fat measurement shall be taken at the fattest point of the shoulder. The back fat measurement shall be taken in the middle of the back above the point of the loin steak. The loin fat measurement shall be taken at the point in the back immediately above the commencement of the tail bone.

*Weighing of Pig Carcases.*

(a) The expression "dead weight" means the weight taken at least one hour after slaughter of the dressed carcase including the head with tongue, kidneys, tender-loins, flock or flare, tail, backbone and feet.

(b) All pig carcases shall be weighed before noon on the day following slaughter, but if any pig carcase is weighed within one hour from slaughter the scale for shrinkage from hot to dead weight shall be:—

Hot Weight.	Shrinkage.
Under 1 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. . . . .	3 lbs.
From 1 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. to 1 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. . . . .	4 lbs.
From 1 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. to 1 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. . . . .	5 lbs.
Over 1 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. . . . .	6 lbs.

(c) The dead weight of each pig carcase shall be certified by the Authorised Veterinary Inspector. In certifying such dead weight the Authorised Veterinary Inspector shall be satisfied that the pig carcase has not been subjected to unnecessary desiccation.

## THIRD SCHEDULE.

*Order Revoked.*

Statutory Rules and Orders No.	Date.	Short Title.
101	27th November, 1934	The Pigs Marketing (Grading) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1934.

**Pigs : Payment of Contribution or Levy.**

THE PIGS MARKETING (PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTION OR LEVY) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1935, DATED 28TH JANUARY, 1935, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION SIX AND SECTION TWELVE OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING (PIG INDUSTRY) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1934 (25 GEO. 5, CH. 3).

1935. No. 17.

Whereas it is provided by section six of the Agricultural Marketing (Pig Industry) Act (Northern Ireland), 1934 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") that where any contribution is payable by pig producers to the fund administered by the Pigs Marketing Board, or any levy is imposed upon pig producers under sub-section (3) of section seven of the Agricultural Marketing Act (Northern Ireland), 1933, the following provisions shall have effect :—

- (a) When any pigs are purchased by or on behalf of a licensed bacon-curer, the buyer shall deduct from the price paid for such pigs a sum equal to the amount of the contribution or levy aforesaid ;
- (b) All sums deducted under this section shall be paid to the Ministry of Agriculture at such times and in such manner as may be prescribed, and the said Ministry shall pay the same to the Pigs Marketing Board :

And whereas it is provided by section twelve of the Act that the Ministry of Agriculture may make regulations prescribing anything which is to be prescribed :

Now, therefore, the Ministry, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the said sections of the Act and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations, that is to say :—

1. All sums deducted under the said section six of the Act in respect of any month shall be paid to the Ministry within four days of the receipt of a demand in writing from the Ministry.